

Moab Resource Management Plan

Brief History

Revises the Grand Resource Management Plan approved in 1985.

Planning area has:

Public lands (BLM) - 1.8 million acres; 1.5 million acres in Grand County and 0.3 million acres in San Juan County

Split estate lands (private surface/BLM minerals) – 32,000 acres

Total planning area (Moab Field Office) – 2.75 million acres

This is a contractor prepared RMP/EIS. The Moab and Monticello RMP projects are a joint contract.

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Plan published – June 3, 2003

Scoping period was from June 4, 2003 – January 31, 2004

Number of comment letters received – 6,138

Number of comments – 19,437

Major Issues

- **Travel Plan** – Identify open, limited, and closed areas. Designate routes in limited areas.
- **Recreation** - SRMAs are established to manage intensively used recreation areas and do not restrict other uses. Focus Areas are established for emphasizing particular types of recreation activities.
- **Special Designations** - ACECs, W&SRs, wilderness characteristics.
- **Wildlife** – Special status species, pronghorn, desert bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, deer and elk
- **Minerals** – Oil & gas, potash, uranium, copper, limestone, building stone, sand and gravel.

Milestones/Schedule

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| • NOI | June 2003 |
| • Scoping Meetings | June 2003 - Jan 2004 |
| • Analysis of the Management Situation | May 2004 |
| • Wild and Scenic River Report | August 2004 |
| • ACEC Report | August 2004 |
| • Mineral Report/RFD | August 2005 |
| • Draft Travel Plan | October 2005 |
| • SD Review Draft Alternatives | May 31, 2006 |
| • WO Review of Draft Alternatives | June 7, 2006 |
| • Publish Draft RMP/EIS | March 2007 |
| • Record of Decision | October 2008 |

Next Steps

We are currently working on making adjustments to the draft alternatives based on the SO & WO reviews. The preparation of the environmental analysis of the alternatives for the Draft RMP/EIS (Chapter 4) is underway. The next major milestone is to publish the separate Draft RMPs/EIS for the Moab FO.

